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Claims Against Rewald Mount

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The former head of the CIA office here yesterday filed claims worth \$157,430 on behalf of himself and family members in connection with the bankruptcy of Bishop, Baldwin, Rewald, Dillingham & Wong.

John C. Kindschi, who was a consultant to company head Ronald R. Rewald, filed the claim on behalf of himself and his wife, Helen.

He also filed for a Hazel C. Kindschi of Platteville, Wis., but there was no indication what relationship Hazel Kindschi is to the former CIA head.

Kindschi ironically listed himself as "her agent" in signing the bankruptcy documents.

Hazel Kindschi claims Rewald's company owes her \$112,385 for her investment account. At one time her account contained as much as \$145,956, but a month before the company's collapse, she withdrew \$60,000, according to the court records.

John and Helen Kindschi are claiming only \$45,045 because of Kindschi's acknowledgment that he withdrew \$140,000 from his account shortly before the company was shut down.

ACCORDING TO bankruptcy laws, that money may have to be returned. If that occurs, Kindschi noted, he would raise his claim to \$185,045.

Kindschi started his investment account with \$74,282, but deposited \$100,000 on April 20. He then withdrew \$12,000 in May and \$5,000 on June 15 before apparently being given \$140,000 at the end of the month at Rewald's orders.

Kindschi also gave police a statement claiming Rewald deceptively convinced him to invest money. On the basis of the statement, detectives filed one of two criminal complaints against Rewald that led to theft charges.

Rewald remains in jail in lieu of \$10 million bail after being indicted last month by the Oahu Grand jury on two counts of theft by deception.

Also filing claims yesterday were:

—Mary Lou McKenna-Moran on behalf of the Fuller Paint Manufacturing Co. in Manila, Philippines, \$148,000.

—Edward Moran, also of Manila, \$88,000.

—Teressa B. Black, of Wai'alua, \$96,941.

—Ethan H. and Alice B. Ewers, of Portland, Ore., \$43,111.

MEANWHILE, BANKRUPTCY trustee Thomas Hayes said yesterday that Rewald's former office manager, Sue Wilson, has been served with a subpoena and is scheduled to be interviewed by his attorneys next week.

Wilson, who worked for the National Security Agency for nine years, was considered by some former consultants as one of the most powerful people in the office. She has been described as Rewald's "right-hand man" because she controlled the office with such a stern hand.

Wilson has been a somewhat mysterious figure in the company because of her alleged work with the secretive National Security Agency, under the jurisdiction of the Department of Defense.

But it was learned that her work with the intelligence-gathering agency was mainly clerical and secretarial, even though she did handle sensitive documents.

According to information obtained by the Star-Bulletin, Wilson joined the security agency in Maryland at the age of 18. She started in various secretarial capacities but worked her way into more responsible positions.

At one point, she was secretary to the chief of the Trajectory Missile and Space Division and to the chief of the Cryptoanalysis and Operations Division.

WHILE WITH the National Security Agency, part of Wilson's duties was to "maintain control of records pertaining to highly classified projects."

In 1973 Wilson was sent to Pearl Harbor as secretary to the chief of operations for the National Security Agency here. In 1975, instead of being transferred back to the Mainland, Wilson resigned and settled in Hawaii.

Wilson did various part-time and temporary work after her resignation, including being a waitress and a beautician. She also worked for Aloha Business Machines, the Princess Kaiulani Hotel, United Airlines, Waikiki Realty and the Honolulu Board of Realtors before joining Bishop, Baldwin, Rewald, Dillingham & Wong in 1980.

Wilson was not a legal secretary to attorney Russell Kim, as was reported erroneously in a Star-Bulletin article Thursday. However, she was part of the secretarial staff initially available to attorneys in Rewald's office.

Kim had an office in Bishop, Baldwin, Rewald, Dillingham & Wong's suite and represented the 35-year-old Wilson in her divorce proceedings.

IN OTHER developments in the Rewald case, U.S. Judge Martin Pence has agreed to seal several packets of classified documents found in Rewald's files, even though he does not think Rewald's CIA activities were very extensive.

"This judge found nothing, absolutely nothing, in any of the documents which might indicate or possibly lead to the location of any possible hard assets of the debtor," Pence wrote in his ruling.

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"The documents led this judge to the conclusion that Rewald, through contacts with members and former members of the CIA, considered himself a more important, undisclosed private associate of the CIA organization than he was in fact."

Pence said there was nothing in Rewald's "slight involvements with intelligence activities" that would explain any of the financial actions of his company.

Trustee Hayes said Pence seems to agree with his assessment that Rewald was just a "bit player" for the CIA and possibly a mail drop.